

§ 49b. Duties of Secretary

(a) Assistance to State public employment services

The Secretary shall assist in coordinating the State public employment services throughout the country and in increasing their usefulness by developing and prescribing minimum standards of efficiency, assisting them in meeting problems peculiar to their localities, promoting uniformity in their administrative and statistical procedure, furnishing and publishing information as to opportunities for employment and other information of value in the operation of the system, and maintaining a system for clearing labor between the States.

(b) Provision of unemployment compensation information

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to assure that unemployment insurance and employment service offices in each State, as appropriate, upon request of a public agency administering or supervising the administration of a State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.], of a public agency charged with any duty or responsibility under any program or activity authorized or required under part D of title IV of such Act [42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.], or of a State agency charged with the administration of the supplemental nutrition assistance program in a State under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), shall (and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, is authorized to) furnish to such agency making the request, from any data contained in the files of any such office, information with respect to any individual specified in the request as to (1) whether such individual is receiving, has received, or has made application for, unemployment compensation, and the amount of any such compensation being received by such individual, (2) the current (or most recent) home address of such individual, and (3) whether such individual has refused an offer of employment and, if so, a description of the employment so offered and the terms, conditions, and rate of pay therefor.

(c) Public labor exchange services

The Secretary shall—

(1) assist in the coordination and development of a nationwide system of public labor exchange services, provided as part of the one-stop customer service systems of the States;

(2) assist in the development of continuous improvement models for such nationwide system that ensure private sector satisfaction with the system and meet the demands of job-seekers relating to the system; and

(3) ensure, for individuals otherwise eligible to receive unemployment compensation, the provision of reemployment services and other activities in which the individuals are required to participate to receive the compensation.

(June 6, 1933, ch. 49, § 3, 48 Stat. 114; Sept. 8, 1950, ch. 933, § 1, 64 Stat. 822; Aug. 3, 1954, ch. 655, § 6(a), 68 Stat. 665; Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 852, § 17(a), 70 Stat. 910; Pub. L. 86-624, § 21(a), July 12, 1960, 74 Stat. 417; Pub. L. 93-198, title II, § 204(c), Dec. 24, 1973,

87 Stat. 783; Pub. L. 94-566, title V, § 508(a), Oct. 20, 1976, 90 Stat. 2689; Pub. L. 97-300, title VI, § 601(a), formerly title V, § 501(a), Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1392; renumbered title VI, § 601(a), Pub. L. 100-628, title VII, § 712(a)(1), (2), Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3248; Pub. L. 99-198, title XV, § 1535(b)(2), Dec. 23, 1985, 99 Stat. 1584; Pub. L. 104-193, title I, § 110(m), Aug. 22, 1996, 110 Stat. 2173; Pub. L. 105-220, title III, §§ 302(a), 310, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1080, 1086; Pub. L. 110-234, title IV, § 4002(b)(1)(A), (B), (2)(Q), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1095-1097; Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title IV, § 4002(b)(1)(A), (B), (2)(Q), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1857, 1858; Pub. L. 113-128, title III, § 303, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1625.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION

Pub. L. 113-128, title III, § 303, title V, § 506, July 22, 2014, 128 Stat. 1625, 1703, provided that, effective on the first day of the first full program year after July 22, 2014 [probably July 1, 2015], this section is amended as follows:

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “services” and inserting “service offices”;

(2) in subsection (c):

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking the semicolon and inserting “, and identify and disseminate information on best practices for such system; and”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(A) in coordination with the State agencies and the staff of such agencies, assist in the planning and implementation of activities to enhance the professional development and career advancement opportunities of such staff, in order to strengthen the provision of a broad range of career guidance services, the identification of job openings (including providing intensive outreach to small and medium-sized employers and enhanced employer services), the provision of technical assistance and training to other providers of workforce development activities (including workplace learning advisors) relating to counseling and employment-related services, and the development of new strategies for coordinating counseling and technology.”; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

(d) In order to improve service delivery, avoid duplication of services, and enhance coordination of services, including location of staff to ensure access to services under section 49f(a) of this title statewide in underserved areas, employment service offices in each State shall be collocated with one-stop centers.

(e) The Secretary, in consultation with States, is authorized to assist the States in the development of national electronic tools that may be used to improve access to workforce information for individuals through—

(1) the one-stop delivery systems established as described in section 3151(e) of this title; and

(2) such other delivery systems as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

See 2014 Amendment notes below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended. Part A of title IV of the Social Security Act is classified generally to part A (§ 601 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Part D of title IV of such Act is classified generally to part D (§651 et seq.) of subchapter IV of chapter 7 of Title 42. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 88-525, Aug. 31, 1964, 78 Stat. 703, which is classified generally to chapter 51 (§2011 et seq.) of Title 7, Agriculture. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2011 of Title 7 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-128, §303(a), substituted “service offices” for “services”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 113-128, §303(b)(1), substituted “, and identify and disseminate information on best practices for such system; and” for semicolon.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 113-128, §303(b)(2), added par. (4).

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 113-128, §303(c), added subsecs. (d) and (e).

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-246, §4002(b)(1)(A), (B), (2)(Q), which directed amendment of the “Wagner-Peyser Act” by substituting “supplemental nutrition assistance program” for “food stamp program” wherever appearing and “Food and Nutrition Act of 2008” for “Food Stamp Act of 1977” wherever appearing, was executed by making the substitutions in subsec. (b) of this section, which is section 3 of the Wagner-Peyser Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-220, §302(a)(1), substituted “Secretary” for “United States Employment Service”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-220, §310, substituted “Secretary” for “Secretary of Labor”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-220, §302(a)(2), added subsec. (c).

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-193 substituted “State program funded under part A of title IV” for “State plan approved under part A of title IV”.

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-198 inserted reference to a State agency charged with the administration of the food stamp program in a State under the Food Stamp Act.

1982—Pub. L. 97-300, amended section generally, substituting provisions which set out functions of the Service and duties of the Secretary of Labor for provisions which had stated the purposes of the Service, including services to veterans and supplying of data for the administration of programs in aid of families with dependent children, and defined “State”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-566 provided that the bureau has a further duty to assure that the employment offices in each State, upon request of a public agency administering or supervising the administration of a State plan approved under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act or of a public agency charged with any duty or responsibility under any program or activity authorized or required under part D of title IV of such Act, furnish to such agency making the request, from any data contained in the files of any such employment office, information with respect to any individual specified in the request as to whether such individual is receiving, has received, or has made application for, unemployment compensation, and the amount of any such compensation being received by such individual, the current (or most recent) home address of such individual, and whether such individual has refused an offer of employment and, if so, a description of the employment so offered and terms, conditions, and rate of pay therefor.

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-198, §204(c)(1), struck out function of maintaining a public employment service

for the District of Columbia from the functions of the bureau.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-198, §204(c)(2), included District of Columbia in definition of “State” or “States”.

1960—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 86-624 struck out “Hawaii, Alaska,” before “Puerto Rico”.

1956—Subsec. (b). Act Aug. 1, 1956, inserted “Guam” after “Puerto Rico”.

1954—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 3, 1954, inserted provisions relating to employment counseling and placement services for handicapped persons.

1950—Subsec. (b). Act Sept. 8, 1950, included Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands in definition of “State” or “States”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-128 effective on the first day of the first full program year after July 22, 2014 [probably July 1, 2015], see section 506 of Pub. L. 113-128, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Amendment by section 4002(b)(1)(A), (B), (2)(Q) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2008, see section 4407 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1161 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-220 effective July 1, 1999, see section 311 of Pub. L. 105-220, set out as a note under section 49a of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-193 effective July 1, 1997, with transition rules relating to State options to accelerate such date, rules relating to claims, actions, and proceedings commenced before such date, rules relating to closing out of accounts for terminated or substantially modified programs and continuance in office of Assistant Secretary for Family Support, and provisions relating to termination of entitlement under AFDC program, see section 116 of Pub. L. 104-193, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 601 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-300 effective Oct. 1, 1983, but with Secretary authorized to use funds appropriated for fiscal 1983 to plan for orderly implementation of amendment, see section 181(i) of Pub. L. 97-300, which was formerly classified to section 1591(i) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, §771(b), Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 836, provided in part that title II of Pub. L. 93-198 [amending this section and section 50 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 49 of this title and section 8101 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees], shall take effect on July 1, 1974.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1954 AMENDMENT

Act Aug. 3, 1954, ch. 655, §8, 68 Stat. 665, provided that: “The amendments made by this Act [enacting section 107e-1 of Title 20, Education, and amending this section, sections 31 to 41, 42, and 49g of this title, sections 107, 107a, 107b, 107e, and 107f of Title 20, and section 155a of former Title 36, Patriotic Societies and Observances] shall become effective July 1, 1954.”

§ 49c. Acceptance by States; creation of State agencies

In order to obtain the benefits of appropriations apportioned under section 49d of this title, a State shall, pursuant to State statute, accept the provisions of this chapter and, in accordance with such State statute, the Governor shall designate or authorize the creation of a State agency vested with all powers necessary to cooperate with the Secretary under this chapter.

(June 6, 1933, ch. 49, § 4, 48 Stat. 114; Pub. L. 105-220, title III, § 303, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1081.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-220 substituted “, pursuant to State statute,” for “, through its legislature,” inserted “, in accordance with such State statute, the Governor shall” after “the provisions of this chapter and”, and substituted “Secretary” for “United States Employment Service”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-220 effective July 1, 1999, see section 311 of Pub. L. 105-220, set out as a note under section 49a of this title.

TRANSFER OF STATE AGENCIES TO THE STATES

Act July 26, 1946, ch. 672, title I, 60 Stat. 684, provided in part: “On November 15, 1946, the Secretary of Labor shall transfer, to the State agency in each State designated under section 4 of the Act of Congress approved June 6, 1933, as amended [this section], as the agency to administer the State-wide system of public employment offices in cooperation with the United States Employment Service under said Act [this chapter], the operation of State and local public employment office facilities and properties which were transferred by such State to the Federal Government in 1942 to promote the national war effort. The Secretary of Labor shall, on request of the State agency, also provide for the transfer and assignment to such State, without reimbursement therefor, of any other public employment office facilities and properties within such State, including records, files, and office equipment: *Provided*, That as a condition to such transfer and assignment of Federal properties, the Secretary may require the recipient State to waive any claim which may then exist or thereafter arise out of the use made by the Federal Government of, or for the loss of or damage to, property and facilities transferred to the Federal Government as hereinabove described.”

§ 49c-1. Transfer to States of property used by United States Employment Service

For the purpose of assisting the State employment services established and maintained in accordance with the terms of this chapter, the Secretary of Labor is authorized without payment of compensation to transfer and assign to the States in which it is located all property, including records, files, and office equipment, used by the United States Employment Service in its administrative and local employment offices in the respective States, except the records, files, and property used in the Veterans' Service and in the Farm Placement Service maintained under this chapter, as soon as such States establish and maintain systems of public employment offices, in accordance with the terms of sections 49c, 49d, and 49g of this title and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(Aug. 11, 1939, ch. 693, 53 Stat. 1409; Ex. Ord. No. 9247, Sept. 17, 1942, 7 F.R. 7379; Ex. Ord. No. 9617,

Sept. 19, 1945, 10 F.R. 11929; June 16, 1948, ch. 472, title I, 62 Stat. 446; 1949 Reorg. Plan No. 2, § 1, eff. Aug. 20, 1949, 14 F.R. 5225, 63 Stat. 1065.)

CODIFICATION

This section was not enacted as part of the Wagner-Peyser Act which comprises this chapter.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For history of transfer of functions of United States Employment Service to Secretary of Labor, see note set out under section 49 of this title.

§ 49c-2. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 26, 1946, ch. 672, title I, 60 Stat. 684, 685, which authorized transfer to and retention in State system of public employment offices of Federal employees, was from the Department of Labor Act, 1947, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts.

§ 49c-3. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 653

Section, act July 26, 1946, ch. 672, title I, 60 Stat. 685, provided for refund of retirement deductions and interest to members of Social Security Boards returning to State employment.

§ 49c-4. Transferred

CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 88-136, title I, Oct. 11, 1963, 77 Stat. 226, which related to personnel standards, was transferred to section 49n of this title and subsequently omitted from the Code.

§ 49c-5. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 8, 1947, ch. 210, title I, 61 Stat. 263, which related to a joint budget, was from the Department of Labor Appropriation Act, 1948, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Similar provisions were contained in act July 26, 1946, ch. 672, title I, § 101, 60 Stat. 686.

§ 49d. Appropriations; certification for payment to States

(a) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts from time to time as the Congress may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(b) Certification for payment to States

The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each State which—

(1) except in the case of Guam, has an unemployment compensation law approved by the Secretary under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act [26 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.] and is found to be in compliance with section 503 of title 42,

(2) is found to have coordinated the public employment services with the provision of unemployment insurance claimant services, and

(3) is found to be in compliance with this chapter,

such amounts as the Secretary determines to be necessary for allotment in accordance with section 49e of this title.